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TAGS: PINT, PGOV, CSCE, SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: KGB PRESSURE ON REFUSENIK ARKADIY MAY AND WIFE

1. JEWISH REFUSENIKS ARKADIY MAY AND HIS WIFE HELEN SEIDEL TOLD EMBOFF ON JAN. 28 THAT THEY HAD BEEN VISITED BY KGB DURING PREVIOUS WEEK. THEY WERE SHOWN A DOCUMENT IN RUSSIAN, PURPORTEDLY TAKEN FROM A DEPARTING TOURIST, WHICH INCLUDED SEIDEL'S NAME, AMONG OTHERS, AND CRYPTIC REFERENCES TO A GROUP OF WHICH SHE WAS SUPPOSEDLY A MEMBER. THE KGB AGENTS TOLD MAY AND WIFE THAT IF THEY TOOK PART IN ANY DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES THEY WOULD BE SENT AWAY FROM MOSCOW. THEY ADDED THAT IN ANY CASE MAY WOULD HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME FOR HIS EXIT PERMISSION.

2. MRS. SEIDEL THINKS THE DOCUMENT IS A PROVOCATION, SINCE SHE DOUBTS THAT DEPARTING TOURIST WOULD BE CARRYING RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE MATERIAL.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY RECENT ACTIVITIES BY MAY AND SEIDEL THAT WOULD HAVE PROVOKED THIS KGB
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WARNING, WHICH WAS LEFT VAGUE IN TERMS OF WHETHER THEY MIGHT FACE IMPRISONMENT, EXILE, OR REVOCATION OF PERMISSION TO LIVE IN MOSCOW. WE ARE INCLINED TO VIEW IT AS PART OF MORE GENERAL EFFORT TO KEEP REFUSENIKS OFF BALANCE AND CONCERNED ABOUT KGB INTENTIONS.
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